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SUBJ: COMPETING PAK/INDONESIAN CANDIDACIES

FOR IAEA BOARD

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1. EMBOFF AUGUST 5 DISCUSSED WITH MFA DIRECTOR (UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS) MUNIR AKRAM SUBJECT OF COMPETING CANDIDACIES OF PAKISTAN AND INDONESIA FOR "FLOATING SEAT" ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. AKRAM SAID THAT PAKISTAN IS SEEKING THE SEAT, DESPITE ITS RECENTLY VACATING A REGIONAL ONE, BECAUSE IT FEELS THAT IT CAN MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION. IAEA IS AT "A CRUCIAL POINT" WHEN IT WILL CONSIDER SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROPOSALS, HE NOTED, THUS THE GOP WANTS TO KEEP ITS HAND IN THE GAME.

2. ACCORDING TO AKRAM, GOP CONSIDERS THAT IT HAS A GOOD CHANCE TO WIN THE SEAT. OBSERVING THAT PAKISTAN, WHOSE NUCLEAR PROGRAM IS MORE ADVANCED THAN INDONESIA'S, HAD ENTERED THE RACE FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS BEFORE INDONESIA, HE CLAIMED THAT GOP EFFORTS TO GAIN SUPPORT

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FOR ITS CANDIDACY ARE MEETING A GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC

RESPONSE. HE CLAIMED "BROAD SUPPORT" FOR PAKISTAN IN VIENNA.

3. PAKS ARE IN THE RACE TO STAY, AKRAM ASSERTED, AND WILL LET THEIR CANDIDACY STAND UNTIL THE MATTER IS DECIDED BY THE ASSEMBLY. GOP HAS NOT HAD A CHANCE SERIOUSLY TO DISCUSS WITH INDONESIAN REPS THEIR CONFLICTING CLAIMS, HE MAINTAINED. THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR HERE, DIRECTOR SAID, HAS MENTIONED IT ONCE OR TWICE BUT DOES NOT SEEM "KEEN" TO HOLD ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.
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